



It's A Wonderful Life But Sometimes You Must Look For It



By Dr. R. Pletsch

A favorite holiday movie is "It's a Wonderful Life". In short, it tells about a man having problems that may include his imprisonment. After his Angel, Clarence, reminds him of the great life he really had despite not having his dreams fulfilled.

It's a movie some of you have seen a hundred times. Others, because of its age, may never have seen it at all. When I was teaching the young grades, 2nd and 3rd, we talked about the movie and then viewed it. After I asked the students to tell me something that they thought was not good at the time, but now with Thanksgiving com-

ing, are thankful for the event they thought was bad. My mind is not what it used to be, I hope some of the better stories I recall. Things that kids remember, they were 6-8 at the time. Of course, there were a lot of family and toys and fond memories. But here are a few of the results that were a little different from a special group of kids that I am sure turned into wonderful adults.

One girl told me she had a sickly cousin and the kids would tease her, including herself. Then one day, an old man in the neighborhood stopped what he was doing, pulled my cousin out and told her how it was mean and was ashamed to know me. I was mad at the time, basically because I knew he was right. I never did that again and was thankful that the man set me straight.

When I was young, my Dad went off to Vietnam. I was mad and I learned he was wounded. But I am very thankful that he came home, even though he was missing one leg.

May we all know if there is no darkness in our lives we will never appreciate the light. May we all find something to be thankful for. Have a great holiday.

Boy Scout Troop 1441 At Cary Camp Indiana



Over the weekend of Nov 8th, members of Boy Scout Troop 1441 sponsored by St. Mary Star of the Sea Holy Name Society, traveled to B.S.A. Cary Camp Lafayette, Indiana for a cabin camping trip. Scouts performed a campwide flag raising, worked on Rank advancements, toured a Council Scout Museum, went hiking while identifying local plants and animal tracks, prepared all meals, and enjoyed a campfire followed by snacks. Any boys ages 11 to 17 from any school, who are interested in Scouting can have a parent contact in (English) Ed Melkonian at (312) 316-5825 or in (Spanish) Angie Koziel at (773) 851-7855 for further information.

City Announces Input Sessions

The City of Chicago announced plans to gather community input on policing efforts as well as the expansion of alternate response models that are aimed at strengthening safety and ensuring in need of assistance are met with the appropriate resources.

Community engagement sessions will begin this month and continue through early 2025. This engagement process was co-created with the Mayor's Office of Community Safety, the Chicago Police Department, and community partners to advance the Mayor's People's Plan for Community Safety and the Chicago Police Department's reform progress and consent decree compliance.

Eight community-based organizations have been selected to develop and implement a process to gather community feedback that will be used to inform the development and expansion of three streams of Chicago's public safety work, all of which are in early stages of development.

Community Policing: CPD is working to adopt a comprehensive approach that will prioritize relationship and trust-building with citizens.

CPD's Workforce Allocation Study and Model: This study, which is required by City ordi-

nance and consent decree will examine the department's staffing levels across every bureau and rank, including civilian positions.

911 Alternate Response: The City is exploring new response models for a range of resident needs to prioritize efficient allocation of City and police resources. These models are geared toward improving specialized response care and equitable outcomes during 911 responses that do not require a police skillset. The City is building on the work of Crisis Assistance Response and Engagement program, a 911 response that sends City employees from the Department of Public Health - a Crisis Clinician and an Emergency Medical Technical - to meet the needs of those in a behavioral or mental health crisis.

The community-based organizations chosen to lead the community engagement were selected by a cross-sector panel of stakeholders based on an open, competitive process.

Brave Space Alliance, Bright Star Community Outreach, BUILD Incorporated, Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community, El Valor, Target Area Development Corp, The Resurrection Project and YWCA Metro Chicago.

'Christmas Trees from Around the World'



For the 21st year, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas is celebrating ethnic holiday traditions of nearly 100 nationalities at her "Christmas Trees from Around the World" display Dec. 2nd to Jan. 2nd. The annual celebration of cultural diversity showcases handcrafted ornaments and decorations on 3-foot trees decorated by members of various ethnic and religious communities. Pappas invites the public to celebrate Christmas with music and festivities from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6th, at the Treasurer's Office, 118 N. Clark st., Room 112.

Trees are decorated with ornaments, tinsel, lights, animals, flowers, fruit, candles, plates, boats, stars, flags, dolls and features a Christian Nativity scene, an African American Kwanzaa Kinara, a Hindu Prayer Thali and a Jewish Menorah.

"All year long I work with people who live in Cook County and come from countries all over the world where they don't have property taxes," Pappas said. "Over the years I have come to appreciate how Chicago is a melting pot of many cultures and traditions as I have helped people understand the property tax system."

Countries and cultures represented include: African American, Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Assyrian, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina,

Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, C a n a d a - Q u e b e c, Carpatho-Rusyn, China, Colombia, Cornwall, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Czech, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia and Ethiopia.

Also represented: France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Kosovo, Laos, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Native American, Nepal, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Palestine, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Senegal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Ukraine, United States, Uruguay, Vietnam, Venezuela and Wales.

IDOT Reports Lane Closures

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that lanes that have been closed for construction will reopen, where possible, for the Thanksgiving holiday to minimize travel disruption. Non-emergency closures will be suspended to 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2nd.

The following lane closures will remain in place during the holiday weekend. Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time through these areas.

City of Chicago: Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90/94) reversible lanes between Lawrence ave. and Ohio st.; closed. Kennedy between Milwaukee ave. and Hubbard's Cave; lane reductions continue. Foster ave. over the Kennedy; closed. Kennedy at Foster ave.; shoulder closures continue. Ohio st. feeder ramp between Orleans st. and the Kennedy; lane reductions continue. Ontario st. feeder ramp between Orleans st. and the Kennedy; lane reductions continue. Outbound Kennedy west of Addison st.; right shoulder closed.

Park District Offers Winter Programs

The Chicago Park District offers an extensive array of low-cost programs for all ages, ability levels, and families this winter.

View programs on Monday, Dec. 2nd. Online registration is available Monday, Dec. 9th at 9 a.m. for in-person programs at parks located west of California ave. & for all Virtual Programs. Tuesday, Dec. 10th at 9 a.m. for in-person programs at parks located east of California ave. Tuesday, Dec. 10th at noon for gymnastics centers.

In-Person registration begins Saturday, Dec. 14th, or Monday, Dec. 16th for most parks. In-person registration is available if spots remain after online registration. Most programs run Jan. 6th to March 16th.

Programs at McFetridge Sports Center, Morgan Park Sports Center, Dr. Conrad Worrell Track & Field Center at Gately Park, and the ComEd Recreation Center at Addams Park follow a different schedule.

Aquatics Programs include Parent and Tot Swim; Tiny Tot Swim; Youth, Teen and Adult Learn to Swim; Swim Team; Water Polo; Aquatic Exercise and more.

Ages 6-17 get the first session of Youth Learn to Swim Programs free with coupon code FIRST-FREE.

Learn the Skills Needed to be a Lifeguard in Lifeguard Explorers. Open to Chicago residents aged 15-22. Participants will receive

\$400 upon completion of the program.

Park Kids After-school Program is an excellent way for ages 6-12 to get out among friends and stay active after school through a variety of brain play, nature, fitness, sports, and art activities, along with homework time. Financial assistance is available.

Gymnastics centers offer quality instruction for beginners to advanced competitors year-round, with excellent training facilities and instructors.

Early Childhood (18 months-5 yrs. old). From Arts & ABCs, Ballet and Bitty Basketball, to Dino Diggers, Kiddie College, and Little Artists. For the younger ones, Parent/Guardian & Tot activities are available at many parks.

Youth (6-12 yrs. old) Classes include boxing; basketball; dance; woodcraft; cheerleading; a variety of fitness options and more.

Winter Break Camps are available at many parks over the holiday school break.

Teen programs include basketball and cultural offerings to fitness classes and clubs.

Adults/Seniors are offered a variety of classes from cultural activities to fitness, wellness and Pickleball.

Special Recreation programs are offered for individuals with disabilities. Participants will enjoy a variety of activities, from creating crafts, cooking, and fitness to visiting with friends.

Visit chicagoparkdistrict.com.

Children's Garden For Garfield Park



On Nov. 22nd, the Chicago Park District along with the Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance broke ground on the Elizabeth Morse Genius Children's Garden at Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park ave.

The new garden will provide a free, year-round adventure for visitors. It will feature a slide, dig pit and toddler area, a nature art gallery and more amenities. There will be a dedicated space for visitors with sensory processing disorders and a wheel-chair accessible spiral ramp that will make its way up to the top of the historic glass roof.

In August 2024, the Park District's partner organization reached its goal of \$4.6 million in private donations, including \$250,000 that was

matched by an anonymous donor. The total project construction is \$10 million with the balance of funding from Illinois State grants, Tax Increment Financing and the Chicago Park District.

The project is expected to open in fall of 2025.

The Conservatory will present this year's Winter Flower Show

"Snowflakes" with more than 25 macro images of snow crystals hanging above the annual display of poinsettias and lighted conifer trees. Visitors will enjoy a colorful selection of poinsettias including 'FabYULEous Red', 'Lemon Glow', 'Frozen', and 'Orange Glow'. The other plants include Edelweiss, Peppermint, and white Viola. In addition to the cut Fraser Fir trees, the display will include pendulous varieties of Cedar and Chamaecyparis trees.

Visiting hours are Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursdays to Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Jan. 5th.

Free registration is required at garfieldconservatory.org/visit/ or call (773) 638-1766.

Flower Show At Lincoln Park

The Lincoln Park Conservatory, 2391 N. Stockton dr. will present "Champagne Toast" Winter Flower Show Wednesdays to Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Jan. 5th.

The display features poinsettia varieties such as "Autumn Leaves", "Jubilee Pink", "Ice Crystal", and "Maren", all of which capture the theme in unique shades of apricot, gold and pink. Fresh cut fir trees adorn the room and hanging baskets of dichondra float like chandeliers.

Free registration is required at lincolnparkconservatory.org/conservatory-reservations/ or call (773) 883-7275.

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Devices 4 Disabled accepts used and new durable medical equipment in good condition, such as walkers, wheelchairs, scooters, hospital beds, crutches, patient lifts, rehab chairs and other mobility

devices. Donations impact individuals with disabilities, providing them with the tools they need. Financial donations and grant cover costs to collect, refurbish, and distribute the equipment.

For more information, visit devices4disabled.org or call (773) 870-1553.

Sing-Along At St. Richard Church

St. Bruno & Richard Parish will conduct its 1st annual Christmas Sing-Along at St. Richard Church, 50th & Kostner on Sunday, Dec. 22nd at 2 p.m.

Admission is free, all are welcome. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. For more information call (773) 585-1221 or visit www.stsbrunorichard.org.

Seniors Dance At Hale Park

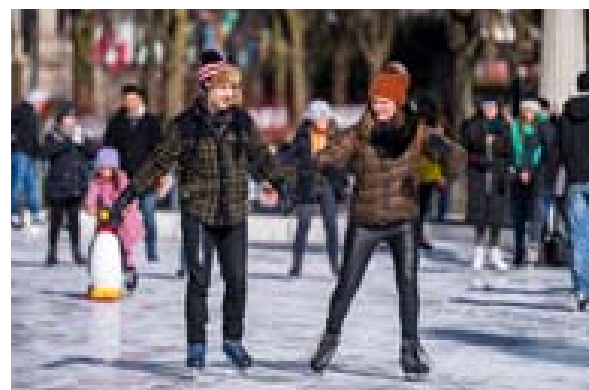
The Chicago Park District will conduct a Senior Citizen Winter Dance at Hale Park, 6258 W. 62nd st. on Friday, Dec. 13th from 6 to 9 p.m. Seniors will enjoy dinner, music, live entertainment and raffle prizes.

BrightonParkLIFE.com

To complement our weekly edition The Brighton Park-McKinley Park Life has launched a website. On it can be found general information about us, recent and past issues, advertising information. Send neighborhood interest stories, student accomplishments, civic organization events to brightonparklife@aol.com.

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Holiday Activities At Millennium Park



The City of Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events invites you to celebrate this holiday season downtown with free events for the whole family.

McCormick Tribune Ice Rink through Feb. 2nd from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Free to skate, but online reservations are required.

11th Annual City of Chicago Christmas Tree will be on display near Washington st. & Michigan ave. through Jan. 8th.

Millennium Park Holiday Sing-Along at Cloud Gate on Fridays, Dec. 6th, 13th & 20th, 6-7 p.m.

The Chicago Cultural Center is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Maggie Daley Park Skating Ribbon, 337 E. Randolph st. is open through March 9th. Free

admission, skate rental is available.

Christkindlmarkt Chicago at Daley Plaza, 50 W. Washington st. is open through Dec. 24th. Free admission.

Community Bonfire At McKinley Park

The Chicago Park District will conduct a Community Bonfire at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Thursday, Dec. 19th from 5 to 7 p.m.

Spend the evening trying out the skating rink, meeting your neighbors, learning about local wildlife and warming up next to a fire.

Bring your own marshmallows, roasting sticks will be available.

Skate rentals are free during the two hours of the bonfire.

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Ridge Library Plans Programs

The Garfield Ridge Branch, 6347 S. Archer, has scheduled interesting programs.

An Adult Book Discussion of "The Book Eaters" by Sunyi Dean is the topic for Dec. 12th at 6 p.m.

Morning Stories for ages up to 4 are recited on the first Saturdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. Featuring a simple story, new song and familiar nursery rhyme. Playtime follows.

Baby Time will share books, songs and play on Fridays, Dec. 6th to 20th from 10 to 11 a.m.

Artist's Studio for ages 6 to 12 on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd from 5 to 6 p.m. Create some art based on their style.

A "Christmas Listening Party" is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 7th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Dust off those old Christmas albums and join us for a festive listening party. Wear something festive. Lite refreshments will be served.

The 4th Annual Senior Christmas Party will be enjoyed on Saturday, Dec. 14th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bud & Marge will sing Christmas carols. Refreshments and a special raffle are included, wear something festive.

"Christmas Door Craft" for adults will be conducted on Tuesday, Dec. 10th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Everything is included plus refreshments.

Winter Bingo for Seniors will be played on Thursday, Dec. 12th from 2 to 4 p.m. The event features 10 games, prizes and light refreshments.

"Games People Play" will be offered for adults on Thursdays through Dec. 19th from 2 to 4 p.m. Bring your own games or use one of ours. Featuring chess, Scrabble, UNO, board games, Pinochle and Canasta.

Homeschool Family Meet-Up is scheduled for Fridays, Dec. 6th and 20th from 1 to 2 p.m. Games and activities are available for ages 6 to 13 while caregivers can join in the fun or chat and share resources.

Saturday Game Day for adults and seniors on Saturdays through Dec. 28th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring a game or play one of ours: UNO, Skipbo, Mexican Train, Canasta, Chess, Checkers, Sorry and more.

Time for Tots on Mondays, Dec. 2nd and 9th from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Join us for stories, songs, rhymes and a themed craft to take home. Early arrivals can color, build puzzles and play with toys.

Sensory Science for ages 5 & up on Monday, Dec. 2nd from 4 to 5 p.m. Join us for some, sensory-forward science experiments.

Story Time Reflections for ages 4 to 7 on Wednesdays, Dec. 4th to 18th

from 4 to 5 p.m. A fun-filled story time where young minds come together to enjoy exciting tales and share their thoughts.

Spanish Book Club on Thursdays, Dec. 5th from 1 to 2 p.m. and Dec. 12th and 19th from 2 to 4 p.m.

Homeschool Family Meet-Up with children ages 6 to 13 on Fridays, Dec. 6th and 20th from 1 to 2 p.m. Games and activities are available for kids while caregivers can join in the fun or chat and share resources.

Christmas Vinyl Listening Party for adults and seniors on Saturday, Dec. 7th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bring your old Christmas albums. Light refreshments will be provided. No registration is required.

DIV Holiday Ornaments for ages 6 to 13 on Monday, Dec. 9th from 4 to 5 p.m. Have fun making holiday ornaments using clay, paint and more.

Teen Grinch themed diamond art keychain painting on Friday, Dec. 13th from 2:45 to 4 p.m. Limited seating, registration required.

Candy House Construction for ages 5 and up on Tuesday, Dec. 17th from 5 to 6 p.m. Registration required, opens Dec. 1st. Use frosting, graham crackers, gum drops and more.

Teen Gingerbread Houses on Thursday, Dec. 19th from 5 to 6:45 p.m. Registration required. Use graham crackers, icing and various sweets.

Play Mario Kart on the Nintendo Switch for ages 8 to 13 on Thursday, Dec. 26th from 1 to 2 p.m.

Lego Free Build for ages 5 to 10 on Saturday, Dec. 28th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Bring your imagination, we'll supply the Lego bricks.

Noon Year's Eve Party for toddlers to ages 13 on Tuesday, Dec. 31st from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Have fun making party hats and nosie makers as we get ready for a countdown to 12 noon, with a balloon drop.

Register for events at <https://chipublib.biblio/commons.com/events>.

Jazz Showcase For Students

The Jazz Institute of Chicago will conduct a Jazz Showcase for ages 9 to 19 at 806 S. Plymouth court on Wednesday, Dec. 11th from 5 to 7 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Jam session take place after-hours in the clubs, making it impossible for student musicians to participate. The Jazz Liniks Jam Session creates a live opportunity where student musicians can perform. Visit jazzin.chicago.org.

New Exhibitions At History Museum



The Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark st. is featuring several new exhibitions.

In 1955, the murder of Emmett Till, a Black teenager from Chicago, and the subsequent criminal trial in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, attracted international attention and sparked the Civil Rights Movement. *Injustice: The Trial for the Murder of Emmett Till* begins with photographs of a joyful Emmett in life and of his funeral. The trial proceedings are then shared through courtroom sketches by Franklin McMahon.

Celebrating the 110th birthday of Italian fashion designer Emilio Pucci, marking more than 70 years of his designs since the start of his career in 1947. CHM costume collection intern Eloise Lyons writes about flight attendant uniforms Pucci designed for Braniff International Airways that are

in the museum's Costume and Textiles Collection.

The Guild Presents - Holiday Party with The Dredge on Wednesday, Dec. 4th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Ring in the holiday season with Guild members, families, and friends. Enjoy an evening of good cheer and wintery drinks and nibbles with the Great Lakes Dredge and Philharmonic Society. Bring the whole family and sing along to classic carols. \$80 per ticket; \$25 for ages 18 & under.

A Panel Discussion: 100 Years of LGBTQIA+ Rights: Henry Gerber and the Society for Human Rights is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 10th from 6 to 9 p.m. Presented in partnership with the Gerber/Hart Library and Archives, celebrate the ongoing influence of the Society for Human Rights. Tickets are \$12.

For more information, visit chicagohistory.org.

Illumination At Morton Arboretum



Photo provided by Morton Arboretum

2024 Illumination: Tree Lights at The Morton Arboretum, 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle is open through Jan. 4th. Exciting features and immersive installations will delight all ages along a one-mile path that is fully ADA compliant. The exhibition features 17 displays, including one new experience, enhancements to one returning feature and two features in new locations.

Doors open at 4:30 p.m.; last entry at 8:30 p.m. (last entry 7:30 p.m. on Electric Illumination nights); lights out at 9:30 p.m. on Dec. 20th - 21st the last entry at 9 p.m.; lights out at 10 p.m.

Electric Illumination: Late night, adults 18+ only, Fridays and Saturdays: Nov. 29th - 30th (2000's Pop Hits), Dec. 6th - 7th (County Mashup), Dec. 13th - 14th (Diva Anthems). Doors open at 8:30 p.m.; last entry at 9 p.m.; lights out at 10 p.m.

Sensory Evening: Tuesday, Dec. 3rd from 4:30 - 9:30 p.m.; latest entry is 8 p.m. Lower volume music and static (non-moving) lights.

Event is closed Nov. 28th (Thanksgiving); Dec. 2nd, 9th-10th, 16th-17th, 24th (Christmas Eve), and 25th (Christmas Day).

For more information, visit mortonarb.org/illumination.

DMV Kiosk At Mariano's

Illinois residents who need to renew their driver's license or state ID have a new option for avoiding a trip to a secretary of state services center.

Fast-Lane kiosks will also renew driver's licenses, state ID's and vehicle registrations and vehicle stickers. Using a kiosk will cost \$4.95 per transaction, and a credit card processing fee if applicable.

The nearest location is Mariano's at 3145 S. Ashland.

Literacy Center Invites Tutors

Aquinas Literacy Center, 1751 W. 35th st. invites volunteers to tutor an adult newcomer in the English language.

Pre-service training is provided and a two-hour weekly commitment is required.

Email Sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org or call (773) 927-0512.

Archer Heights Library Schedules Programs

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer has scheduled a wide range of informative programs.

ALL AGES

Technology Help is available Drop-in (first come, first served when adult librarian is on duty) or by appointment. Get help with your devices, computer questions, using online library resources (eBooks, databases, job resources).

Family friendly Bingo Night invites all on Monday, Dec. 2nd at 6 p.m.

CHILDREN

Family Story Time for children 0 to 5 and their caregivers feature stories, songs and fun on Thursdays through Dec. 19th at 11 a.m.

Popcorn Reading is meant for ages 6 and up who need to practice reading aloud on Wednesdays, Dec. 4th & 11th at 6 p.m.

Let's Make: Holiday Ornaments for ages 8 to 12 is set for Tuesday, Dec. 17th at 4 p.m. Materials will be provided.

TEENS

Do you need community services hours? Ask about our Teen Volunteer Program.

Work 'n Waffles for ages 10 to 19 is offered on Wednesdays, Dec. 4th to 18th from 4 to 5 p.m. Visit our meeting room and make a waffle and have other snacks while you work. Bring headphones for quiet study time or work on a project with others. Teen laptops will be available for in-library use.

Craft Squad on Thursdays through Dec. 19th from 4 to 5 p.m. features crafts and socializing. Materials and snacks will be provided. Bring head-

phones for quiet listening time.

Research Help with a Librarian high school students needed help with research for a school assignment can request an appointment with our Teen Librarian to review databases, printed sources and other resources. Call (312) 747-9241 to make an appointment

ADULTS

Polish Book Club meets 3rd Wed. of each month at 1 p.m. Schedule resumes Dec. 18th.

The English Book Club meets 4th Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. "The Stationery Shop" by Marian Kamali is the topic for Dec. 18th.

Craft Lab on Monday, Dec. 9th at 6 p.m. will feature candle making - make a poured soy candle adorned with dried flowers. All materials will be provided.

Identity Theft Scams and Tips is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 12th at 12 p.m. The Illinois Attorney General's Office will present tips to prevent identity theft and ways to restore your financial profile.

Wednesday Book Clubs are available at the circulation desk. No registration is required.

Beading time will meet on Saturdays, Dec. 7th & 14th at 2 p.m. Create jewelry and ornaments with beads and wire. Bring your own material or use ours.

SENIORS

Create a frosted candle jar on Monday, Dec. 16th at 1 p.m. All materials will be provided. Coffee and tea will be served. Register starting Nov. 18th.

Holiday Magic At Brookfield Zoo Chgo.



Photo credit CZS-Brookfield Zoo

Brookfield Zoo Chicago will conduct Holiday Magic on Nov. 29th - 30th and Dec. 1st, 5th-8th, 12th-15th, 19th-22nd, 26th-31st from 3 to 9 p.m.

Discover giant illuminated animals, a tunnel show, visits with Santa, walk through displays, 900+ decorated trees lit up by community groups, Candy Cane Lane and Sparkling Coast.

Purchasing tickets in advance for North Gate entry is optional, and recommended. Advance ticket purchases are required for South Gate entry.

Meet Santa from Nov. 22nd to Dec. 22nd from 5-8 p.m. at Seven Seas underwater viewing area.

Four indoor habitats will be open during Holiday Magic: The Swamp, Living Coast, Great Bear Wilderness Underwater Viewing, and Seven Seas Underwater Viewing. Outdoor habitats will feature big cats, bison, camels, kangaroos and reindeer.

Fall hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Hamill Family Play Zoo is now home to several American breeds of chickens, including partridge rock, barred rock,

golden Wyandotte and silver laced Wyandotte.

Fall and winter free admission dates: Mondays and Tuesdays, Dec. 2nd through 24th; Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 3rd through Feb. 27th.

Holly Jolly Gingerbread Party on Saturday, Dec. 7th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Party returns with a visit from Santa, a brunch and dessert buffet, hot cocoa bar, gingerbread decorating and experiences with animal ambassadors. A mimosa and bloody mary bar will also be available for guests ages 21 and older.

Dinner with Santa on Dec. 13th-15th at 3:30 or 5:30 p.m. Reservations must be made in advance at the Zoo's Discovery Center.

To purchase tickets visit brookfieldzoo.org/Events.

For more information, visit brookfieldzoo.org.

Free Concert At Marquette Park

The Marquette Park Piano Trio concert at the auditorium, 6243 S. Kedzie has been rescheduled to Wednesday, Dec. 4th from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

This show will be preceded by the Marquette Park Backbeat Project performing "Classic Instrumentals" some stand-out pieces in the early evolution of hip-hop.

Musicians are: William Rodriguez, keyboards; Matt Riggen, upright bass and Emily Perez, drumset.

A Touch of Art!



The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., Springfield, uses a combination of rigorous scholarship and high-tech showmanship to immerse visitors in Lincoln's life and times. The library holds an unparalleled collection of Lincoln books, documents, photographs, artifacts and art, as well as some 12 million items pertaining to all aspects of Illinois history. For more information, visit www.PresidentLincoln.illinois.gov.

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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAC ACQUISITION TRUST Plaintiff, -v- DEVIN CROCKETT, SONIA LYDIE, CITY OF CHICAGO Defendants
2024 CH 06095
7300 S. ALBANY AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60629
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 9, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 26, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Property Index No. 19-25-117-019-0000
The real estate is improved with a multi-family residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1.
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You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, examine the court file, CODILS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
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CODILS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527
630-794-5300
E-Mail: pleadings@cslegal.com
Attorney File No. 14-204441
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code: 21762
Case Number: 2023 CH 09562
TJSC#: 44-3005
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2023 CH 09562
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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v- RICARDO FRANCISCO MARTINEZ BARRERA, MAYRA E. MARIN Defendants
2023 CH 09562
3742 W. 83RD PL CHICAGO, IL 60652
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 9, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 30, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 3742 W. 83RD PL, CHICAGO, IL 60652
Property Index No. 19-35-302-050-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527
630-794-5300
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Attorney File No. 14-204441
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code: 21762
Case Number: 2023 CH 09562
TJSC#: 44-3005
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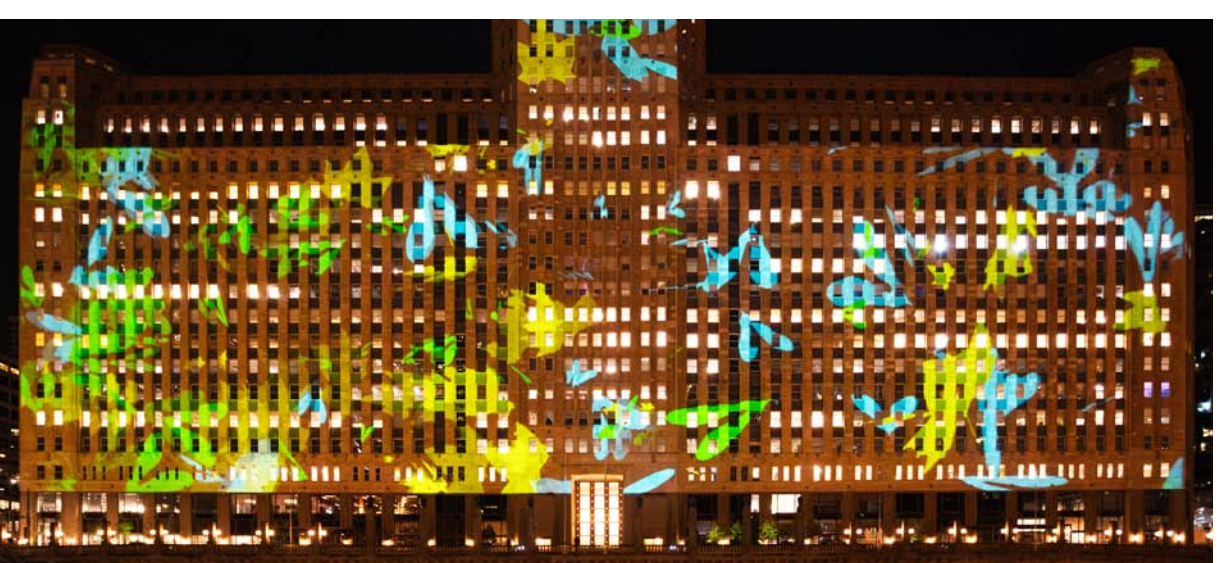
Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v- ANDRE L. JACKSON, ALJ INVESTMENTS, INC., RICARDO FRANCISCO MARTINEZ BARRERA, MAYRA E. MARIN Defendants
2024 CH 03272
340 W. 58TH STREET CHICAGO, IL 60621
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 18, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 7, 2025, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 340 W. 58TH STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60621
Property Index No. 20-16-209-010-0000
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$62,900.30. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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For information, contact JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 30 N. LASSALLE STREET, SUITE 3650, CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 24 0759.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
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E-Mail: pleadings@johnsonblumberg.com
Attorney File No. 24-00347
Attorney Code: 40342
Case Number: 2024 CH 03272
TJSC#: 44-2721
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2024 CH 03272
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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v- GOOD-KARMA LLC, DANIELA RECILLAS, ANDRES RECILLAS, ANTONIO RECILLAS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants
24 CH 1595
5630 S. THROOP ST. CHICAGO, IL 60636
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 22, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 A.M. on December 20, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
LOT 160 IN 63TH STREET BOULEVARD ADDITION IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Commonly known as 5630 S. THROOP ST., CHICAGO, IL 60636
Property Index No. 20-17-113-035-0000
The real estate is improved with a multi unit rental building.
The judgment amount was \$435,289.23. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
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For information, contact IAN B. HOFFENBERG, LAW OFFICES OF IAN B. HOFFENBERG & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1603 ORRINGTON AVE., SUITE 600, EVANSTON, IL, 60201 (312) 544-9001.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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E-Mail: ihoffenberg@hoffenbergglaw.com
Attorney Code: 45844
Case Number: 24 CH 1595
TJSC#: 44-2452
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Art On The Mart Launches 'Wavelength'



Art on The Mart's 2024 winter season showcases emerging talent from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. 'Wavelength' is a new commission created by graduate and senior undergraduate students who have produced 11 unique works. Centered around the theme of 'Wavelength', the students were invited to explore the site-specific nature of The Mart and how visual and audio media are rooted in the same physical principles. Each pair of students—one focusing on the visual projection and the other on the audio segment, brings a unique approach and expertise in materials, tools, and collaborative processes to the project.

Park District Offers Outdoor Ice Skating

The Chicago Park District will continue the tradition of ice skating in neighborhoods at five outdoor sites. Programs and hours vary at each site. Visit each rinks' official webpage to view hours, program schedules, accessibility information, rules, and more. The following outdoor ice rinks will open on Friday, Nov. 29th and close on Feb. 17th, weather permitting:
Midway Plaisance Park Ice Rink, 1130 Midway Plaisance North; Mt. Greenwood Ice Rink, 3721 W. 111th st.; Warren Park Ice Rink, 6601 N. Western ave.; Wentworth Park Ice Rink, 5625 S. Mobile ave.; Due to mechanical repairs, the McKinley Park Ice Rink opening will be delayed.
Each outdoor rink site is open Wednesday through Sunday on regular business days, except for Midway Plaisance Park Ice Rink, which is open seven days a week. Skaters are encouraged to check website for holiday hours. Skate trainers/walkers are available for children.
Toys for Tots donations of new toys are being accepted at all ice rink locations through Dec. 13th, during operating hours.
Skate with Santa takes place at: Warren Park on Saturday, Dec. 7th from 1 to 3 p.m.; Midway Plaisance Park on Sunday, Dec. 8th from 12 to 2 p.m. McKinley Park on Saturday Dec. 14th from 1 to 3 p.m. and Mt. Greenwood Park on Sunday, Dec. 15th from 12 to 2 p.m.
Wentworth Park will host a Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony with Santa and Frosty on Friday, Dec. 7th. The event

Mexican Museum Offers Programs

The National Museum of Mexican Art, 1852 W. 19th st. has scheduled a wide range of programs for families that provides opportunity to explore the galleries while learning about Mexican art and culture.
Late Wednesday is on Dec. 4th from 5 to 8 p.m.
Make your visit complete by visiting the following exhibitions: Dia de Muertos, Where the Past is Present in the Main Gallery through Dec. 8th
Contemporary Costa Portraiture: Nuestra 'Calidad' in the Rubin & Paula Torres Gallery through March 16th.
Nuestras Historias: Stories of Mexican Identity from the Permanent Collection.
Most programs are free of charge; however, registration is required at email angela@national-museumofmexicanart.org



Buckle Up and Drive Sober

The Illinois Department of Transportation, State Police and law enforcement agencies are ramping up patrols and reminding the public to buckle up and drive sober this Thanksgiving. Enforcement patrols will be looking for seat belt violators and impaired drivers through Dec. 2nd.
During the Thanksgiving holiday period from Nov. 22nd - 26th last year, IDOT reported 2,842 crashes, including 16 people killed in 16 crashes, 6 of which involved alcohol.
State law required that all vehicle occupants wear seat belts, no matter where they are in the vehicle. If you're traveling with children, they are required to ride in a child safety seat until at least age 8.
Visit www.itsnotagameillinois.com for more information.

Church Services

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3532 S. Hoyne
(773) 523-7911
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Wednesday, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m., Awana (kids club/age 3 through 6th grade) & Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)
Saturday Gathering for Spanish speakers, 5:30 p.m.
HOLY CROSS EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH
3116 S. Racine Ave.
(773) 523-3838
Ministering in Bridgeport since 1886
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Carlos Ortiz.
Thanksgiving Day service at 10 a.m.
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3658 S. Honore
(773) 376-5370
Join us for services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m., Bible Study & Sunday School at 11 a.m., Chinese Bible Study every Saturday in the Ministry Center at 7:45 p.m.

Property Tax Appeal Workshop

The Cook County Assessor's Office will conduct a South Chicago Property Tax Appeal Workshop at the McKinley Park Field House, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Monday, Dec. 2nd from 5 to 7:30 p.m.
Go over your assessment notice, determine if an appeal should be filed and learn how to file an appeal by Dec. 12th.

Advertisement for the 47th Chicago Motorcycle Parade. Features a cartoon bear on a motorcycle and text: 'I'll be there I rain or shine', 'All riders must bring a new toy', 'Starts at 9:30am Dan Ryan Woods 83rd and Western', 'For more info go to ChicagolandTFT.org', 'Sunday Dec. 1st on Western Ave. 2024', 'Thousands of Motorcycles Each With a Toy Contribution', 'Info on Facebook and www.ChicagolandTFT.org', 'www.chicagolandtft.org', 'Signs Donated by Streets & Stroves'. Includes a 'PLEASE RE-ROUTE' sign and a 'LARGEST MOTORCYCLE PARADE IN THE WORLD' badge.

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Boccea Clinic For Veterans

The Chicago Park District will conduct a Veterans Boccea Clinic and Tournament at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Monday, Dec. 16th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Ricardo Luna (ricardoluna@chicagoparkdistrict.com) for more information.

Holiday Zoolights At Lincoln Park Zoo



Photo provided by Lincoln Park Zoo

Lincoln Park Zoo is celebrating 30 years of Zoo Lights through Jan. 5th. The magical evening is illuminated by over three million lights and features hot chocolate and roast s'mores over an open fire pit, professional ice carvers, the best view of the city skyline from the Ferris wheel, and more. Sensory-Friendly Night will be observed on Wednesday, Dec. 4th. This special evening features static or turned-off lights and low or no music. Capacity is limited. The Chris White Jazz Trio will perform a Tribute to A Charlie Brown Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 8th. Tap your toes to

this classic holiday soundtrack during one of three shows. Choose from a matinee at Pepper Family Wildlife Center with hot cocoa and ZooLights admission, or two evening sets at Cafe Brauer featuring an appearance by Snoopy.

Adults Night Out: Holiday Presented by On The Rocks Premium Cocktails and -196 Vodka Seltzer will be held on Thursday, Dec. 12th. During this illuminated evening, the 21+ set can experience the season without kids and strollers. A live DJ, animal chats, festive foods, and free rides will get you into the holiday spirit.

Event ticket sales help to keep Lincoln Park Zoo free and open to all. Order tickets at lpzoo.org. Select Mondays are free admission.

Emergency Food And Shelter

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, 4477 S. Archer is offering an emergency food and shelter program designed to help with one month of rent or mortgage payment.

Eligible zip codes are 60632, 60629, 60623, 60609 and 60608.

Past due 1 month of rent or mortgage (principal & interest only). Must be a primary residence. 1st month's rent eligible (no security deposit assistance). Qualifying hardship such as unemployment, underemployment, medical or at risk of homelessness, etc.

For more information call (773) 523-7110 or visit financialservice@bpncchicago.org. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Free Services For Seniors

Chicagoans age 60 and over who need help at home may contact the DFSS Senior Services Division at aging@city-of-chicago.org or (312) 744-4016.

Free Chore services include: short-term - temporary light home-making tasks like cleaning, laundry, shopping and self-care tasks like bathing, grooming or dressing after recovering from an illness or life transition.

Heavy-duty - a one-time deep cleaning, removing trash or clutter, packing times and moving furniture.

Brighton Park Library Schedules Programs

The Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer has scheduled engaging programs. Hours are Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday noon to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

Chicago Police Department 9th District Beats 921 & 922 meet on Thursday, Nov. 7th, Beat 921 from 6 to 7 p.m. and Beat 922 from 7 to 8 p.m. The Community Policing Office will share crime statistics, teach crime fighting strategies and listen to issues. A "Kids Only" table full of crafts and other fun activities will entertain the little ones while the adults engage in the meetings.

Workshops with Brighton Park Poets will be held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month where participants discuss source poems, respond to prompts and share their work. The facilitator is bilingual (English, Spanish).

Story time with Mx. Dannie for children up to 2nd grade and their families are conducted on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for stories, songs and other fun activities.

Adult Book Discussions are held on the third Friday of the month from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

A Graphic Novel and Manga Book Discussion for ages 13 & up is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 19th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Middle Ground for grades 6 to 8 is offered on Mondays through Dec. 16th from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Play video games on Nintendo Switch, make crafts and art. Earn service hours for attendance.

Creative Teen DIY sessions for ages 13 to 19 are available on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd from 5 to 7 p.m. All materials will be provided and vary each time.

Family Story Time will feature picture books, stories, songs and a paper craft activity on Tuesdays through Dec. 17th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Baby Lapsit Story Time and Play is offered Wednesdays through Dec. 18th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join Mx. Dannie for stories, songs and other fun activities as we practice literacy skills to build a love for books. Siblings are welcome.

Teen Hideaway for ages 13 to 19 is open Thursdays, Dec. 5th and 12th from 5 to 7 p.m. Read in the teen area, create art of use our 3D Printer, button maker, sewing machine or vinyl cutter. Board games are also available.

Family Crafting Time is scheduled for Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Build Legos, make a craft, create art or play a board game.

Visit chipublib.org to register.

Holiday Season At Griffin MSI



Photo Credit: Griffin Museum of Science and Industry

Griffin Museum of Science and Industry's annual tradition, *Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light*, through Monday, Jan. 6th, 2025. Tickets for Museum visits and events are now available at msichicago.org.

Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light features more than 50 trees and displays decorated by volunteers to represent the holiday traditions from cultures around the globe. This year's show will feature the photographic work of snowflake scientist and Caltech Physicist Ken Libbrecht, accompanied by a range of on-site programs and events for all ages.

Naughty or Nice 21+ After-Hours Event on Thursday, Dec. 12th from 6 to 10 p.m. Guests are invited to grab a seasonal cocktail or hot cocoa, take a selfie with Santa or Krampus and explore the

Museum after it's been closed to the public.

Winter Break Camps: Students from Pre-K through 8th grades are invited to learn about winter science with Winter Break Camps. These week-long camps offer hands-on STE(A)M activities run by Griffin MSI's Education team like creating winter-themed crafts with 3D printers, vinyl cutters and more in the Wagner Family Fab Lab. Camps run Monday, Dec. 30th, through Friday, Jan. 3rd from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (with no camp on Jan. 1st).

Every 30 minutes, Museum guests can experience the magic of snowfall amid Christmas trees in the North Court, near the Grand Tree.

Application For LIHEAP Now Open

Applications for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) will be accepted through Aug. 15th, 2025, or until funds are exhausted.

The energy bill assistance program will provide \$226 million to eligible families to assist with natural gas, propane, electricity bills and furnace assistance.

Income-eligible families can apply by visiting helpillinoisfamilies.com or call 1-833-711-0374 for assistance in 30 languages.

LIHEAP customers of Peoples Gas will also receive a monthly discount on their natural gas bill through the new Low Income Discount Rates. Visit <https://www.powerbilldiscount.com/> for more details.

Lawyers Offer Phone Advice

The Chicago Bar Association is reminding the public that attorneys are available to provide legal assistance online or over the telephone.

The CBA sponsors a monthly "Call A Lawyer" program through the Lawyer Referral Service, making attorneys available to take calls from the public. On Saturday, Dec. 21st from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, the public may call (312) 554-2001 and explain their situation to an attorney.

These services can also be accessed on CBA's website at www.chicagobar.org.

McKinley Library Schedules Programs

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. has scheduled interesting and informative programs. Hours are: Monday and Wednesday, 12 to 8 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Nightfall Story Time (online) Mondays, 6 p.m., ages 0-5, enjoy stories and songs. Online registration required.

The Chicago Partnership for Health Promotion will offer a series of classes on how to prepare delicious food on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. on Dec. 3rd, 10th and 17th. Children under age 13 must be accompanied by a

guardian, registration is not required.

STEM Explorers will consider computer science, physics, electricity, forensics and various STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities on Saturdays, Dec. 7 to 28th from 1 to 2 p.m. Participants engage in hands-on projects designed to develop life skills and STEM competencies. For ages 9 to 15, but siblings are always welcome. This program is made possible by Illinois Extension College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences of University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Visit chipublib.org to register.

Museum of Asian Art Schedules Programs



The Heritage Museum of Asian Art, 3500 S. Morgan st. announces upcoming activities and event.

3rd Friday Free Admission Museum Night is offered on Dec. 20th from 5 to 8 p.m. The event offers wine and appetizers in addition to an engaging tour led by a museum docent at 6 p.m.

A program concerning Heritage and Future is set for Saturday, Dec. 7th from 2 to 4 p.m. Join an engaging conversation about heritage and the future with art and culture leaders and practitioners in the community. Admission is free, reservations are required.

Open Studios At Bridgeport Art Ctr.



The Bridgeport Art Center, 1200 W. 35th st. will conduct 3rd Fridays Open Studio on Dec. 20th from 7 to 10 p.m. Experience the vibrant art scene of the city in person and get inspired by the creativity. Explore various art studios, interact with local artist and witness their works in progress.

Visit the Sculpture Garden Exhibit Space for a holiday market featuring tenants and select vendors in the rest of the building from the River Level to the 5th floors.

The Chicago Maritime Museum announces two new permanent exhibitions in the sculpture garden. The focus is on the Lady Elgin, the deadliest disaster on the open waters of the Great Lakes, and on Captain Bill Pinkey, the first black sailor to solo-circumnavigate the globe around the five Great Capes. The

event is free but there is a suggested \$20 donation.

Surfaces: BAC Artists' Exhibition will be curated by Marci Rubin on the 3rd floor gallery. Artistic surfaces include paper, canvas, wood, metal, clay, fabric, glass, found objects or the outside of anything that an artist can build work upon. Artists activate a surface by applying their medium to the selected substrate using their specific techniques and skills. Transforming the surface could include actions such as: carving, drawing, enameling, glazing, painting, plastering, pouring, printing, staining, upholstering, or varnishing. Finished surfaces are often described as matte or gloss; textured or patterned, soft or hard; and rough or smooth.

Register at bridgeportart.com.

Winter Ban On Overnight Parking

The City's Winter Overnight Parking Ban helps ensure public safety each winter by allowing emergency vehicles and public transportation to move freely, and reducing hazardous conditions for motorists, pedestrians and other travelers. The ban is enforced on 107 miles of vital arterial streets from 3 a.m. to 7 a.m. starting Dec. 1st through April 1st, regardless of snow. Signage is permanently posted along the affected routes.

Cars left parked on these designated roadways obstruct the path of snowplows and prevent routes from being fully plowed and salted when it snows. Violators of the parking ban will be towed and face a minimum \$150 towing fee, a \$60 ticket, and a storage fee of \$25 per day. Vehicles in violation of the ban will be towed to Pounds 2 (10301 S. Doty Ave.) or 6 (701 N. Sacramento).

A separate snow related parking ban exists for another 500 miles of main streets and can be activated after there are at least two inches of snow on the street, no matter the time of day or

the calendar date. While the 2" inch snow ban is not activated often, motorists who are parked there when it snows could receive a ticket or find that their vehicle has been relocated in order to facilitate snow clearing operations.

Both of these parking bans were implemented on designated arterial streets to prevent recurrences of problems that happened in 1967 and 1979 when Chicago came to a traffic standstill due to major snowstorms.

ASM Sponsors Teenmade Pop-Ups

After School Matters will conduct Teenmade Holiday Pop-Ups at the Randolph Street Market Festival, 1341 W. Randolph on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14th & 15th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A second event is scheduled for the Millennium Park Art Market on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 22nd & 23rd from 12 to 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 24th from 12 to 5 p.m.



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